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Elba mayor says Hwy. 84 median modifications will benefit several businesses

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Mayor Tom Maddox updated council members Monday evening, Jan. 25, on discussions that had taken place recently with Alabama Department of Transportation [ALDOT] representatives regarding U.S. Highway 84 concerns on the four-lane project coming through Elba.

Maddox said he and Senator Jimmy Holley made contact and met with an ALDOT official from the Troy, Alabama office. He said the representative also met with three business owners that had concerns over the road plans for entrance/exit from their business parking lots.

Maddox said the businesses in the area where the new O'Reilly's store, Subway, and Guns 'R Us are located were concerned about how the state's original plans for the center

median entering and exiting the parking lot in that area. After further review and discussions, he said the ALDOT had amended their plans and now travelers going west on Hwy. 84 would be able to make a left turn into the parking lot [crossing the eastbound lanes]. When exiting the parking lot, Maddox said vehicles would still only have the option of turning right out of the parking lot but now could go up to the Carver Drive intersection and make a u-turn there, if desiring to travel west on Hwy. 84.

Maddox said motorists traveling west on the road would be able to make a left turn onto Carver Drive [crossing the eastbound lanes], and motorists would be able to make a left turn from Carver Drive onto the westbound lanes of Hwy. 84 [again crossing over the eastbound lanes].



Businesses in this area of the new U.S. Highway 84 four-lane road through Elba will benefit from an adjustment to plans for the median (shown here). According to a report from Elba Mayor Tom Maddox, ALDOT officials have agreed to fix the median so that motorists traveling westbound can make a left turn into the business parking lots [crossing the eastbound lanes]. This should help alleviate concerns the businesses had regarding their traffic.

Mayor Maddox said he felt these changes would be much better for the businesses and all motorists in Elba.

Also, the mayor said he raised concerns to ALDOT officials regarding the Hwy. 84/Hwy. 87 intersection

of the new four-lane road being an All-Way Stop currently. He said the official he met with agreed that a 2-way stop [motorists traveling Hwy. 87 would stop

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Elba City Council discusses using incentives to be more aggressive in attracting new businesses to city

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday night, Jan. 25, Mayor Tom Maddox revealed his intentions to put measures in place to be proactive in trying to bring new business to Elba.

The discussion began as the mayor updated council members on progress for the Annie's Comfort Kitchen restaurant slated to open soon in Elba. He said the owners currently are renovating the location for the restaurant [at the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing/former Hickory

Pit building].

"They are excited about opening and do not feel like it will be long now," Maddox said.

Maddox then revealed

"I just think we all need to be on the same page and have an across-the-board proposal together," council member Gappa Wise said. "But, I am all for doing something."

a concept he had developed for the purpose of making Elba more attractive to new businesses, saying he would like the council to consider an incentive for Annie's Comfort Kitchen to help get this business off the ground and help with construction costs.

Further, Maddox said he would like to present at a future meeting a blanket proposal that would allow the mayor to be able to offer an incentive to any business looking to come to Elba.

"I think we need to be more aggressive in getting new business here," Maddox said. "One rebuttal to that is, 'Well, I have a business here and no one offered me anything.' And, I would say, 'Well, I wasn't mayor then.'"

The potential incentive Maddox mentioned for Annie's Comfort Kitchen was a sales tax rebate [excluding the school portion] for up to one year or an aggregate of \$10,000 whichever comes first.

"I'm all for doing what we need to do, but I think we need to have a work session first to work out details," council member Gappa Wise said. "We've discussed it several times with [former] Mayor Murdock, but we never got anything on paper - just never got to that point, I guess."

City attorney Bart Boothe added that such an incentive, since it deals with sales tax, might require an ordinance of a specific nature be on record for the city before it can be offered. He asked the council to provide him a little time to research to see if a rebate-type incentive requires any type of ordinance.

"The idea is certainly probably well taken by the council, but I think you need to put it off until we can get a more formal proposal together," Boothe suggested.

Wise agreed with getting a formal proposal together.

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Elba BOE approves school calendar for 2021-2022 year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, Jan. 19, for the regular monthly board meeting, and a calendar for the 2021-2022 school year was approved.

"This was a hot vote this year," superintendent Chris Moseley said as he prepared to present the calendar for the 2021-2022 school year to the board for approval. Normally, between three options there is one that is overwhelming, but it was a tight vote this year."

The superintendent prepares three different calendar options each year and allows his teachers/staff to each vote on his/her preference before he presents the top vote-getting to the board for approval. This year, he said the vote was very tight

between two of the three options, which basically boiled down to taking a Tuesday here rather than a Monday there difference or something similar.

The calendar approved by the board includes 177 student days and 187 teacher days. Moseley said there is a possibility the state could decide to implement the 180 student days requirement, but it has not done so yet. Therefore, he recommended going ahead and approving the calendar for the 177 days, and make adjustments later, if needed.

A motion to approve the proposed student calendar for the 2021-2022 school year passed with no opposition.

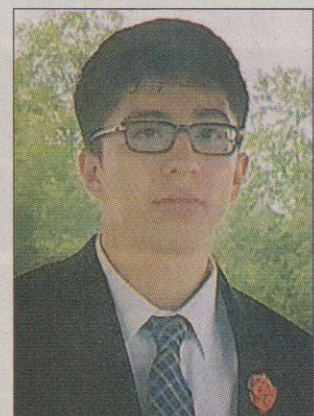
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Kinston's Flores receives Coffee County DAR Good Citizen award

The Daughters of the American Revolution [DAR] Good Citizen's Award and Scholarship Contest, created in 1934, is intended to encourage and reward the qualities of good citizenship. This award recognizes and rewards individuals who possess the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism in their homes, schools and communities.

Each year the John Coffee DAR Good Citizens Award and Scholarship Contest chair Liz Barton works with local school counselors from each of the five Coffee County high schools to have the schools submit their "Good Citizen" to represent their school. These students



Oswaldo Flores

are selected by their teachers and peers because they demonstrate the qualities of the program to an outstanding degree.

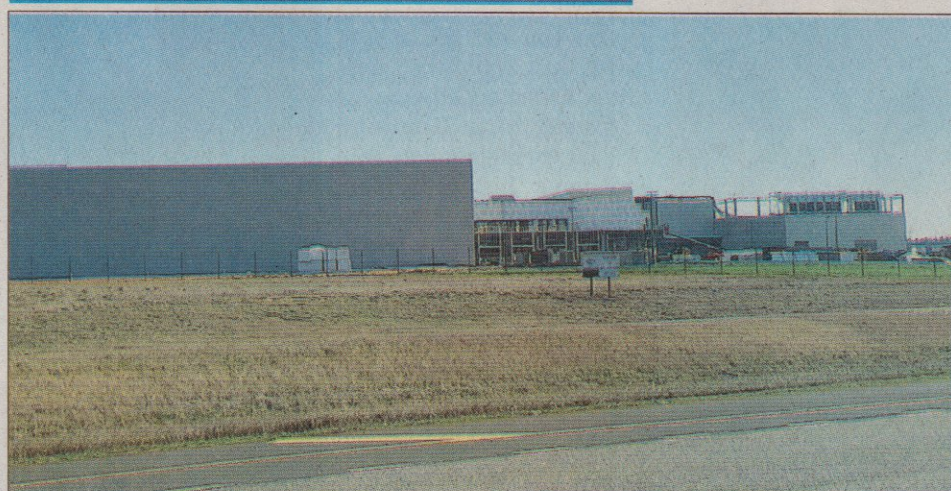
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Area Happenings

THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM'S annual Old-Timers vs Rookies Hit-A-Thon and Game fundraiser will be Saturday, Feb. 6, at the baseball field on Elba High School's campus. Anyone not in school can enter the Old Timers Hit-A-Thon. Entry fee of \$25 gets each participant 15 swings. Registration for the Old-Timers Hit-A-Thon begins at 9:30 a.m. with the event to start at 10 a.m. Following lunch, the always entertaining Old-Timers vs. Rookies baseball game will begin at 1 p.m. [Times are estimates and depend on the number of participants].

HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILING. hosted by the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will be Saturday, Feb. 13, at 1 p.m. in downtown Elba. The public portions of the event will begin at the Coffee County Courthouse lawn near the cornerstone. Once the crowd has gathered there will be a Masonic March with state and local dignitaries, ending at the marker dedication site located on the corner of Claxton Avenue and Davis Street.



The construction of the Ben E. Keith Southeast Distribution facility is well underway, just outside of New Brockton, Ala. along U.S. Highway 84. Last week, the Coffee County Commission helped move the project even further along by voting to guarantee a loan of up to \$150,000 to allow for construction of a redundant water supply line to the facility. Coffee County Commission votes to guarantee loan on project to construct redundant water line to new Ben E. Keith facility

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Commission meeting held Monday morning, Jan. 25, commissioners voted to guarantee a loan that would make way for a redundant water line feeding the Ben E. Keith facility being built in New Brockton.

County administrator Rod

Morgan said this was a matter that had been discussed at the commission's work session. He said part of the county's agreement with Ben E. Keith Foods [when it agreed to be built at the new site in New Brockton] was to ensure the company had a redundant supply of water. He said the Coffee County Water Authority was in the

process of making this part of the agreement come to fruition.

Morgan said the water authority had let bids for the water line project, and it is securing a loan from Covington Electric Cooperative to fund the

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It will be interesting to watch the ultimate outcome of campaigns urging the resignations of some of the most outspoken congressional supporters of Donald Trump and/or the 60-plus lawsuits that failed to prove voter fraud in last Fall's presidential election. Of course, we don't expect lawmakers such as Alabama's Mo Brooks, Texas' Ted Cruz, Missouri's Josh Hawley or the far right's current headline grabber Marjorie Taylor Green of Georgia (and at least a half dozen others) to resign from their elective office. The question for now is "How will they fare in their next time of facing the voters?"

Wall Street has been abuzz with talk that a group of individuals have racked up on massive profits as their small group of selected stocks exploded upward. One guy who has become some sort of god to many in this stock trading group had managed to accrue a stock portfolio of over \$33 million as of last Thursday. Questions have arisen about them possibly breaking the law, but others point out these 'little guys' are only doing what the huge groups, called hedge funds and managing megabucks, have been doing for years. That is betting a particular stock will either go up or down in price and they will hopefully have gambled in the right direction. Clearly that has not happened to those butting heads with this loose knit group of 'little guys'. Several of them have reported losing billions of dollars recently as they were on the opposite side from this upstart group.

Push back on President Biden's inclusion of an increase in the federal minimum wage to \$15.00/hour in the COVID-19 relief package is slowing action of the massive \$1.9 trillion proposal. Some lawmakers are skittish over the \$15 with so many people already out of work due to the pandemic, and others are actually advocating for a larger \$20 minimum wage. The varying opinions have prompted suggestions that Biden split the proposals and handle the minimum wage increase as a stand alone proposal.

Medical experts are down playing the fact that the COVID-19 vaccines are less than 10% effective in preventing a person from catching the bug. They note that with the shot, the reaction will be less than fatal. Of all the folks who were in the experimental trials NONE died from the virus. Some were sick and a few actually were hospitalized with less than extreme symptoms. Of 75,000 in one tests group none died and only a few were hospitalized for a few days. In another 75,000 comparison group who didn't take the shot, 150 died and several hundred were hospitalized. So, we need to stop worrying about the less than perfect cure, just take the shot when you get the chance and expect to get a cold occasionally.

The vaccines for COVID-19 are grabbing the headlines and society is grateful. However, there is still little progress on developing drugs to cure those already sick. A few meds - resmidesivir, monoclonal antibodies and the steroid dexamethasone - have improved care a bit with doctors trying various treatments with some success. WE can only hope this will change in the near future.

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EDITORIAL

Local rainfall totals indicated a below average month for January

The Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow River Watershed Management Authority's rainfall reporting showed that the January 2021 average rainfall in the seven counties of Southeast Alabama were lower by about an inch and a half from the previous Friends of Enterprise Library to hold 3-day book sale this month

The Friends of the Enterprise Public Library is holding a three-day "Sweetheart of a Book Sale-Selected Stock 25¢" on Thursday, Feb. 11, and Friday, Feb. 12, from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 13, from 9:30 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. The sale will take place in the second floor meeting room at the library. The library is located at 101 East Grubbs Street, Enterprise.

Be aware that the library operates under the Alabama Safer at Home Order. Masks are required. Library operates at 50 percent capacity.

year. However, rain gauges at places like Big Creek, and Pea River at Elba, and Lowery Mill recorded from three inches to as much as five inches less rain during the first month of 2021 than

was recorded a year ago.

Every rain gauge measuring rainfall in the Pea River basin, from Barbour County to Coffee County (a total of nine), recorded a drop in total rainfall during this

period.

On the flipside the New Brockton and Enterprise rain gauges recorded over an inch more in 2021 than during the same period a year ago.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2020, and Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Jan. 26 – Found property reported in area Court Ave/Davis St (12:35 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 E (1:50 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported at 816 Putnam St (4:35 p.m.); Theft of services reported at 1023 Guyton St (8:16 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1105 Guyton St (11:41 p.m.). There were five traffic stops reported on this date resulting in four verbal warnings, and one written warning issued.

Wednesday, Jan.

27 – Suspicious vehicle reported at 609 Reese Ave (3:17 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (9:33 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:00 p.m.); Prowler reported in the 900 block of Claxton Ave N (7:03 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (8:52 p.m.); Assault reported at 3 Hwy 84 Access Rd (10:54 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in four written warnings, and one verbal warning issued.

Thursday, Jan. 28 – Animal complaint reported at 424 Moore Ave (9:53 a.m.); Unruly juvenile reported at 475 Smith Ave (12:41 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1337 County Rd 409 (3:06 p.m.).


Friday, Jan. 29 – Animal complaint reported at 1110 Caroline St (12:27 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1260 County Rd 264 (1:04 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 219 E Davis St (1:42 p.m.); Runaway juvenile reported to Elba Police (2:00 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1153 Elm Ave (2:01 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1894 County Rd 505 (6:48 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Claxton Ave N (7:59 p.m.). There were four traffic stops reported on this date resulting in three written warnings, and one verbal warning issued.

Saturday, Jan. 30 – Traffic accident reported at 340 Larkin Rd (6:28 p.m.); Domestic complaint report-

ed at 1667 Reese Ave (7:26 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 109 Adkinson Ave (9:48 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in one written warning, one verbal warning, and one advice given.

Sunday, Jan. 31 – Intoxicated person reported at 615 Jackson Ave (1:18 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 992 Hwy 203 Suite 1 (3:23 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1663 Hwy 166 (4:41 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 991 Hwy 203 (8:42 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported in area of Herman Driggers Dr and Hwy 125 (8:46 p.m.). There were four traffic stops on this date with all resulting in written warnings being issued.

Monday, Feb. 1 – Identity theft reported to Elba Police (8:19 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 14258 Hwy 87 (9:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1265 Highland Dr (12:09 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 (1:55 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 712 Troy Hwy – an arrest was made (3:09 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on County Rd 409 (4:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1426 Hickman Ave (8:56 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 516 Williams St (9:50 p.m.). There were five traffic stops on this date resulting in two written warnings, two verbal warnings, and one advice given.



**Cuzin Lou Lou's
Tales from Yonder**

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Lou Lou celebrated a birthday earlier this week, and to start the day Sister made an attempt to actually 'be nice' to Lou Lou only to have a bit of a disaster develop.

Sister got up early and ventured out, without Lou Lou knowing, to travel to a nearby town and purchase one of Lou Lou's most favorite breakfast items for her. It was to be a grand surprise!

The 'surprise' however was on Sister.

All was going well until Sister's car did the unthinkable. The transmission went out and stranded Sister on the side of the road on her way back home with the breakfast for Lou Lou.

This completely shocked all because not only had the vehicle not given any warning, but it also only had about 42,000 miles on it. So, no one anticipated this...not even 'ole mechanic Papa!

Lou Lou did get a surprise...just not the one Sister had intended.


Instead of a "Surprise! I have breakfast for you on your birthday," Lou Lou received a telephone call from Sister saying, "Surprise...I'm broke down on the side of the road...but I have your breakfast!" It just wasn't the same!!

All will be proud of Lou Lou, though. She immediately asked where she needed to come and get Sister, but Sister already had called Papa who was on his way to the breakdown scene. A couple of hours and multiple phone calls later between the dealership and towing service, Sister's car was loaded onto a tow truck and transported to the dealership. The good news is that warranty should cover the issue.

Oh yeah...Lou Lou did get to eat her birthday breakfast - it was just cold by the time it made it to her. She still thanked Sister for the effort.

Sister, on the other hand, decided that 'being nice' is not all it's cracked up to be! She informed Lou Lou not to expect it any more...it just wasn't worth the trouble!!

Sister did seem to calm some as Lou Lou sat with her waiting on the tow truck...she even noted that, if it had to happen, at least she was close to home rather than two or three hours away. She even joked that this would be a birthday to remember, for sure – the day Sister attempted nice and it backfired on her! Even her car did not know how to handle nice from Sister...at least that is what



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ROAD

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and yield to motorists traveling continuously through the intersection] might be better at this intersection; however, he said no confirmation of change was given.

The mayor said the ALDOT official has taken this possible change under consideration, saying some traffic counts might be gathered to determine what would work best for the Hwy. 84/Hwy. 87 intersection.

While on the topic of

ALDOT and traffic, Mayor Maddox noted that traffic signals in downtown Elba that have been on flash mode for several months while motorists adjusted to new 4-way and 2-way stops would be removed soon, according to ALDOT. These intersections include: Claxton Ave./Simmons St. — a two-way stop now; Claxton Ave./Davis St. — a four-way stop now; and Davis St./Factory Ave. — a four-way stop now.

BOE

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board approved the hire of Madison Johnson as an interventionist for the elementary school for the remainder of the current school year.

The superintendent said Johnson had been working with the school this school year already through Kelly Services, which had allowed Principal Debra Strickland the opportunity to be able to observe Johnson and see the things she had done for the school. He said Strickland had recommended Johnson for the job, and he was following suit.

The board affirmed the recommendations to hire Johnson as the elementary school interventionist for the remainder of the school year. Moseley said that position would be re-evaluated at a later date for next school year.

The board entered into a short executive session to discuss a matter in which board attorney Merrill Shirley confirmed was an appropriate topic for executive session under the law. After returning to the opening meeting, it was stated that no action was taken while the board was in executive session.

COUNCIL

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"I just think we all need to be on the same page and have an across-the-board proposal together," Wise said. "But, I am all for doing something."

The council chose to hold a work session after Boothe had time to research the matter further. After said work session, the council would bring the matter to a vote at the next meeting following the work session.

"Let's make it official, and do it the right way," Mayor Maddox agreed.

A review of the city's financial through Dec. 31, 2020 showed the city had a total cash flow [all funds] of \$1,226,806, and Mayor Maddox said the statement of revenues for the fourth quarter said sales/use tax continued to look good for the city.

"We are always fearful that our sales/use tax will drop," he said. "So far, though, we've done okay."

For December 2020, Elba's sales/use tax was \$120,614 compared to \$119,525 for December in 2019 — a positive variance of .9 percent. Looking at Year-to-Date [YTD] comparing Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to Fiscal Year 2019/2020, it looked even better — the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 YTD was \$384,410.

Another positive pointed out by the mayor regarding revenues was funding from Southeast Alabama Gas. He said the city had budgeted \$16,250 YTD but had received a total of \$76,975 for the YTD FY2020/FY2021.

A possible area of concern regarding revenues, according to the mayor, was municipal court revenues with YTD revenues showing a negative variance of more than 50 percent.

Overall, Maddox said the subtotal for operation revenues had the city at a 22.3 positive variance comparing December 2020 [\$305,199] to December 2019 [\$249,621], and the YTD showed a more than \$90,000 increase.

Looking at operational expenditures, the mayor said the city had expended just over \$50,000 more for

Also, during the meeting, Moseley touched on a topic he said he knows is important to many this time of year — pageant season.

"I know it's pageant season with the Miss Elbala and Miss Elba pageants coming up," he said. "I have talked with the people who organize these pageants, and out plans for now are to move forward with them unless something happens regarding COVID to force us to change plans."

He said for the pageants there would be guidelines in place determining how many people can attend and where they can and cannot sit in the auditorium, along with other safety measure in place. However, he said it is the school's desire to still host the pageants if at all possible.

"We know these pageants mean a lot to the girls that participate and to the community," Moseley said. "That is why we are trying to do everything we can the safest way we can to try and get back to some sort of normal routine. However, if something comes up [with COVID] and we feel bad about it, we will change plans and not have the events."

Actual YTD FY 2021 than it had budgeted for the period. However, for the month of December 2020 the expenditures were \$24,975 under budget.

Elba City Clerk Sally Bane provided several departmental updates during the meeting. She noted the street department had completed the demolition of another FEMA buyout house since the previous council meeting, and that department also had been doing some work on Taylor Mill Road at a bridge/culvert that was experiencing problems.

Bane said the recreation department had about three more weeks remaining for the regular season of youth basketball. At the conclusion of the regular season, she said Elba Parks and Recreation would be hosting a district basketball tournament at Elba High School's gym on Feb. 26-27.

Also, Bane said youth baseball/softball registration is now underway for Elba Parks and Recreation.

In the month of January, Bane said the Elba Senior Citizens Center delivered 1,255 meals [about 63-64 per day]. She said his work was being done by one full-time employee, and employee working about 30 hours per week, and one true part-time employee.

"That is a lot of meals being delivered daily by these three employees," Bane said.

Bane said she did not have the statistics for January yet for the Elba Public Library, but in December, 557 people were serviced by the Elba Public Library. She said 54 people used the computer services, and 64 people utilized the wireless WiFi. The library added seven new patrons and had a total of 24 volunteer hours completed.

"Again, that's pretty good stats for our small town, community library," Bane said to council members.

The next regular meeting for the Elba City Council will be Monday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

BENJAMIN HAYES CARPENTER

Mr. Benjamin Hayes "Ben" Carpenter, age 81, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise due to complications of COVID-19.



Ben was born on April 23, 1939 in the Pine Level community to Idahlia and Fred Carpenter. He was employed at Dorsey Trailers for many years as a draftsman, and later became a foreman. He owned and operated a local oyster bar many years.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at 2 p.m., from Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Bucky Carlile and Rev. Ken Wilson officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. Those attending are asked to follow the guidelines set forth by the State of Alabama pertaining to social distancing, and the use of a facial mask.

In addition to his parents, Ben was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Carlile, along with two brothers-in-law, Alton Carlile and Wilton Hughes.

Survivors include his wife: Peggy Carpenter; daughter: Stacey Carpenter Dockins; step-daughters: Kris (Mike) Baston, Dana (Lesley) Stephens, and Ronda (Bill) Robinson; his grandchildren: Niki (David) Lunsford, Brianna Tate, Wes Dockins, Nick Baston, Braxton Robinson, Les (Amy) Stephens, Lance Stephens, and Logan Stephens; great-grandsons: Colbie Tate, and Brodie Tate; and a sister: Carolyn Hughes; along with several special nieces, nephews, and many friends.

MAX DANIEL STANFORD

Mr. Max Daniel Stanford, age 79, a resident of Brundidge, Ala., died Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at Medical Center Enterprise.



Mr. Stanford served in the U.S. Navy and National Guard for over 20 years.

Graveside services were held Jan. 30, 2021 at Shady Grove Cemetery with Rev. Kenny Horn and Rev. Avery Walker officiating.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.B. and Elizabeth Walden Stanford; brothers, Willie G. Stanford, James G. Stanford, Johnny W. Stanford; and sister, Jane Weaver.

Survivors include his wife: Eva Nell Stanford; sons: Rickey Ellis (Irene), Mike Ellis (Tammy), and Kim Ellis (Denise), Brundidge; daughters: Gail Kelly (Tom), Brundidge, Tammy Mack (Josh), Elba; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers: J.B. Stanford (Belinda), Dothan, Ala., Billy B. Stanford, Midland City, Ala.; and sister-in-law: Diane Stanford, Dothan, Ala.

FRANCES TAYLOR BANNON

Mrs. Frances (Fran) Taylor Bannon of the Azalea Trace Retirement Community in Pensacola, Fla., died Monday, Jan. 25, 2021.

Fran was and raised on a farm in Elba, Ala. The seventh of ten children, she graduated from Elba High School and Troy State Teachers' College (Troy University). Upon graduation from Troy, she married Michael (Mike) Bannon of Edgewater, New Jersey whom she had met at the college. They started their teaching careers in Ashford, Ala.

Later in her career she earned a M.A. degree in elementary education from Teachers College, Columbia University in New York City as well as a M.Ed. in reading from West Chester University in West Chester, Pa. Her certification as a reading specialist was earned from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. During her 41-year teaching career, she taught in public schools in Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

Due to the COVID pandemic, there will be no memorial service. A private, family service will be held later to disperse of ashes. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Azalea Trace Heritage Fund, Pensacola, FL or the American Kidney Fund.

Fran was preceded in death by her parents, Pinnie Bell Taylor and Bonnie Parish Taylor of Elba. Her husband, Dr. Michael F. Bannon, died in 1979. In addition, she was preceded in death by seven of

her siblings, Royce Taylor (Inez) and Edward Taylor (Louise) of Orlando, Fla., Lucille Taylor Mayo (Lawrence) of Daphne, Ala., Elmer Taylor (Grace) and Annie Laurie Taylor Wright (Aubrey) of Elba, Olene Taylor Farrell (Richard) of Arlington, Va., and Annette Taylor Farris (Harold) of Jonesboro, Ark.

Survivors include her only child: Kathryn Bannon Dyess, Pensacola, Fla.; two sisters: Cupidean Taylor Clark (Frank), Enterprise, Ala., and Jean Taylor Payne (Ladell), Pomona, Calif.; along with 20 nieces and nephews and their families.

MACIE LEE MARTIN IRVIN

Mrs. Macie Lee Martin Irvin, age 84, a resident of Crestview, Fla., died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, at her home.

She was born May 23, 1936 in New Brockton, Ala.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, private graveside services will be held at Old Tabernacle Church Cemetery with Rev. Buddy Hood officiating. The family requested in lieu of flowers that contributions be made to the Old Tabernacle Cemetery Fund c/o Shannon Clark, 8992 Highway 51, New Brockton, AL 36351.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mace and Addie Lee Martin of New Brockton, along with sister, Myrlene Wise, and Dr. Grace Manning PhD.

Survivors include her loving husband: Gerald "Jerry" Irvin; son: Kenneth "Kent" (Susan) Hornsby; grandchildren: Jay (Angie) Hornsby, Jeffery Hornsby, Theo and Timothy Hornsby; great-grandchildren: Joshua Hornsby, Ava and Emily Hornsby; stepchildren: Doug (Debbie) Irvin, Lisa (Scot) Ramey; several step grandchildren, and one step great-grandchild; sisters: Beatrice Tindol, and Elizabeth Caldwell; along with several nieces and nephews.

PATRICIA HORNSBY WYROSICK

Mrs. Patricia Hornsby Wyrosdick, age 84, a resident of Opp, Ala., died Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation.



Graveside services will be held Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at 11 a.m., from Peaceful Acres Memorial Gardens with Rev. Billy Fortune officiating. Burial will follow under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents, Eleanor Marguerite and Luel Malcolm Hornsby; along with her stepmother, Louise Thompson Hornsby.

Survivors include her daughters: Patrice Adkinson and son-in-law, Tommy Adkinson, and Lisa Hancock, all of Jack, Ala.; grandsons: Thomas (Vanessa) Adkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo., Taylor Hancock, Dothan, Ala., and Forrest Hancock, Troy, Ala.; great-grandson: Joshua Adkinson, and great-granddaughter: Annabelle Adkinson, both of Colorado Springs; sister: Melissa Arnette, Opp; and a step-sister: Wanda Rabren, Opelika, Ala.

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project. He said the request for the commission was to guarantee that loan with Covington Electric for up to \$150,000.

Commissioners voted to approve the request.

In other business, county engineer Marty Lentz said bids were opened Wednesday, Jan. 20, for aluminum corrugated pipe. He said the low bid [of four bid submitted] came from Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company at \$20,267.22. He recommended awarding to Gulf Atlantic, and commissioners voted to approve the request.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

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When you look at vaults, you'll see they come in many styles and are made in different materials, ranging from copper to bronze to plastic. As you weigh the pros and cons of these different options, your best bet is to speak with your funeral director, who can guide you toward a vault that will give you some additional peace of mind.

Whether you're pre-planning your own funeral or you're seeking the ideal arrangements for a deceased loved one, the use of a vault can be wise. What's more, many of today's vaults can be personalized, and they come with robust warranties. Make sure you ask about each of these factors as you talk with your funeral home director.

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor

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Wow. Congratulations! You're reading a newspaper. That's cool. Really!

This morning, as I do every morning, I looked up today's devotion from our National Men's Ministries app, and shared it with our local men's Facebook group. For my Bible "reading," I found the passage on my smart phone and pressed audio. It was read to me. After that, I asked my Alexa to play some Praise and Worship music. She (or it) dutifully obeyed.

That's all very convenient, but there is a downside. I don't need everything done for me. I need to take initiative. I need to be responsible to myself, my family, and the church I serve, to read on my own, think original thoughts, and most of all, to listen to the voice of God. I need to put instant and easy things aside, and hone the discipline of thinking and hearing what God would have me to; things that are unique and specific to my day, my current situation.

Even Jesus would regularly go to a secluded place to pray. Even the Son of God needed to get away from the daily, to hear the eternal. The Word (see John chapter one) still needed to hear words from his father. So do I. So do you. His words give comfort. His words give peace and assurance. Most of all, in these upside down times, his words give direction.

So, let's do something different. Instead of depending just on Alexa, apps, and social media (which are all good, used properly), let's do something for ourselves. Let's read, let's study, let's pray, let's listen.

*** Dwight Johnson, lead pastor of Elba First Assembly of God Church, will be the author of the Pastor's Corner column throughout the month of February.*



The Republican Women of Coffee County (RWCC) met Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Enterprise Country Club. District 91 House Representative Rhett Marques spoke on the upcoming Alabama Legislative Session and bills legislators would be considering. Also, Terry Morse from Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary gave a presentation on her nonprofit organization, which cares for orphaned, sick, and injured wildlife. Pictured above, left to right: Terry Morse, RWCC President Virginia Howard, RWCC 1st VP Carol Boylston, and Representative Marques. RWCC meets the third Wednesday of the month at 11 a.m. at the Enterprise Country Club. For more information, contact Virginia Howard at 334-477-1176.

ADPH plans to offer COVID-19 testing in Coffee County on February 16th

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will offer COVID-19 testing in Coffee County during the month of February.

Due to limited staffing and COVID-19 vaccination clinics, testing will be provided Tuesday, Feb. 16, as shown below:

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Tuesday, February 16

8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

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headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell.

Testing criteria are as follows:

- Persons with symptoms
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DAR

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al school honorees, one is selected as the overall winner for the county, and his/her Good Citizen's package is submitted to the State DAR Chair for this award to be judged at the state level.

Each entry is presented with a certificate and a good citizens pin. The winner is presented a monetary gift from the local DAR Chapter.

This year, the John Coffee DAR Good Citizen winner for Coffee County was Kinston School nominee Osvaldo Flores, son of Claudia and Uriel Flores. He will now be competing at the state level.

Flores is a Kinston Ambassador and the percussion captain for the Kinston High School Marching Band. He is president of Mu Alpha Theta and a member of many other organizations and honor societies.

Upon graduation, Flores will be attending Princeton University on a four-year scholarship.

The other four honorees from the Coffee County High Schools for this year's Good Citizens Award were:

- Elba High School's Collin Harrison, the son of Kayla Harrison. He serves as vice president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and treasurer of the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program. He is the team captain for the varsity football team and the boys' varsity basketball team. He is also involved in many clubs and honor societies, and he is the youth leader at his church, Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church.

Upon graduation, Harrison plans to attend Troy University and pursue a degree in nursing.

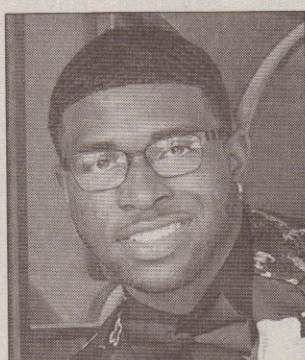
- Zion Chapel High School's Brianna Davis, the daughter of Brandon and Angela Davis. She serves as the band captain and team captain for the girls' varsity basketball team. She is an academic ambassador and is a member of numerous clubs and honor societies. She is an active member of Jack Assembly of God Church and has served for several years in the church's children's church program.

Upon graduation, Davis plans to attend the University of South Alabama and pursue a Bachelor's degree in pre-physical therapy.

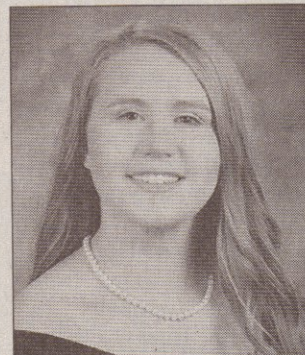
- New Brockton High School's Jordan Bolland, the daughter of Connie Nichols and Todd Bolland. She currently serves as a Gamecock representative and captain of the varsity volleyball team. She is a member of numerous clubs and honor societies. She is very involved in her church youth group at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church.

Upon graduation, Bolland plans to attend a four-year university and apply for nursing school.

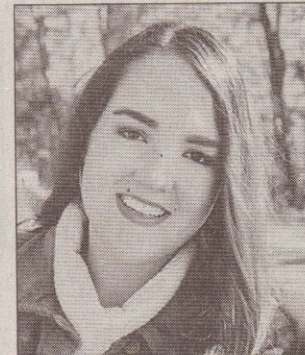
- Enterprise High School's Nyasia Thomas, the daughter of Anthony and Cheareice Thomas. She currently serves as the head drum major for the



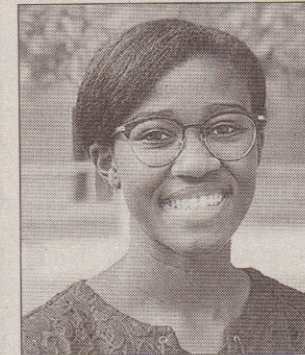
Collin Harrison



Brianna Davis



Jordan Bolland



Nyasia Thomas

Enterprise High School Band. This fall she was also elected Homecoming Queen. She serves as a Wildcat representative and is a member of numerous honor societies and clubs.

Thomas' future plans include traveling to Europe with plans to attend Stanford University upon her return.

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ELBA!



The Elba Masonic Lodge #170 recently welcomed Brother Masons from around the State as host for the 2nd State of Alabama Committee on Work, District Lecturer Conference/Workshop. This is the second conference in the series. The first conference having taken place in Montgomery, and the remaining conferences are scheduled for Decatur, Gadsden, Mobile and Birmingham. With 50 visiting guests, it was a successful and educational event for the Elba Lodge. A big 'thank you' to all the Brothers who helped organize and participated in the workshop.

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Round and About With Eria's Daughter 897-3611



Scripture: The Lord helps his troubled people. Psalm 3:1-8

Thinking of You! Praying for You. Dea. J.L. and Estella Williams, Min. Robert Edwards, Dea. James Williams, Rose Coleman, Beatrice Belcher, All Single Mothers, Hospital Patients, Betty Moore, Ree-Nita Brooks, Alice Musgrove

Jan./Feb. Birthdays & Anniversaries

Larry Folmar 1/27
Tia S. Kelley 1/27 (Attorney) Tiffany Johnson 1/29
Louella Folmar 1/29
Tina Chapman 1/29
Marcus Henderson 1/30
Janice Cole 1/30
Mattie Rogers 1/31 (in memory)
Lula Cole 2/2
Eria Lindsey Belcher 2/2 (in memory)
Vera Lindsey Williams 2/2 (in memory)

Celebrating Black History Month. Giving honor to distinguished history makers during the month of February, beginning this week:

Richard Cain 1825-1887

Richard Cain was a Christian who lived out his beliefs, especially in the area concerning social justice for African Americans. He was born in Virginia to a Cherokee mother and an African American father. When Richard was six years old, he and his family moved to Ohio. Because he lived in a "free state," he was able to get an education, which was primarily through the Sunday School. He was always interested in the ministry, but he had a variety of job experiences. He worked on the steamboats that sped up and down the Ohio River as one of his jobs. By 1844 he had entered the Methodist Ministry as a Pastor. Four years later, he left that denomination because of its segregated

worship practices, joined the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and served as a deacon and then a pastor in Muscatine, Iowa.

He desired an education to better prepare himself for ministry. So, he attended Wilberforce University, the first American College founded by African Americans.

When Pastor Cain was assigned to a church in Brooklyn, New York, he soon became actively involved in supporting the vote for all men. Soon after the end of the Civil War in 1865, Pastor Cain was assigned to a church in Charleston, South Carolina, which had been closed due to slave revolt in 1822, but under his leadership, the congregation grew to be the largest in the state by 1871. *If it is God's Will, the conclusion of this article on Richard Cain will be here in next week's edition of The Elba Clipper.*

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 1/28/2021

Q: When the man with the palsy took up his bed and walked, what was the reaction of the crowd? (apathy) (disbelief) (amazement)

A: Amazement [Mark 2: 12]

Q: What did Jesus send two of His disciples to find? (a colt) (a loaf of bread) (a place to stay)

A: A colt [Mark 11:2]

Saying that Makes Sense

The path of folly is not a life-style; it's a death-style

Questions for the Week of 2/4/2021

Q: The same one who descended on Jesus at the baptism also drove Him into the wilderness to be tempted. Who was it?

Q: What were Jesus' first words to the man who was sick of the palsy?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



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digital Alabama Beekeeping Symposium will be held this weekend, Feb. 6 and 7 through Zoom. The cost to attend this year's online event is \$20 per participant.

Instead of the usual eight-hour format, the symposium is featuring two, half-day segments. It will begin Saturday, Feb. 6, at 8:25 a.m., continuing until lunchtime. The second day of the event, Sunday, Feb. 7, will begin at 2 p.m., ending at 5:40 p.m. Each session will begin with a keynote speaker in the main Zoom webinar room. From there, attendees will break off into two separate Zoom rooms.

The first Zoom room will feature how-to talks on products from the hive. This seminar is designed to provide Alabama beekeepers with ideas and instructions on salable products, besides honey, that work under the Alabama Cottage Food Law. They will also have the opportunity to learn new homemade recipes and crafts for their own personal interests.

The second room will feature hive maintenance talks from advanced beekeepers and beekeeping

researchers. They will provide up-to-date information on beekeeping needs for the continued success of Alabama beekeepers.

Attendees will be able to communicate and ask the speakers questions through the Zoom Chat.

In addition to the keynote speakers, the Alabama Master Beekeepers Association's Journeyman Beekeepers will present lectures for attendees to work towards becoming a certified Master Beekeeper. Short commercials will also play throughout the sessions from a wide range of beekeeping vendors and craftspeople.

To top it all off, the symposium talks will be available to registrants for up to two weeks after the event. Therefore, people do not have to worry about missing a single session.

For more information on the 26th Annual Alabama Beekeeping Symposium, visit the Alabama Extension website at www.aces.edu.

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Padgett and Mr. Renfroe exchanged vows on the 200th day of 2020

The year 2020 was an unprecedented year, a year of perfect plans turned upside-down. A year like no other this generation has ever known, 2020 was etched in history by the COVID-19 pandemic, the abnormal Atlantic hurricane season, nationwide protests, and a contentious presidential election.

The world began changing four days into 2020 when China reported a cluster of pneumonia cases, later dubbed COVID-19. Since that day, lives changed in ways never dreamed of by revelers who rang in 2020 unaware of the viral time-bomb ticking half a world away. It was on this same day, January 4, 2020, that Taylor Renfroe proposed to Annsley Marye Padgett.

It was a cool, sunny day, and Annsley had been kept away from home on a pretentious girls' day outing by her friend Kayley McCollough. Little did Annsley know about all the plans that had been orchestrated secretly during the week to prepare a delightful engagement party.

When she returned home, Annsley dressed for what was to be a casual date night. Prior to her departure, her mom insisted Annsley demonstrate how to use her new camera which Taylor had given to her as a Christmas gift. As Mom was practicing her photography, Taylor appeared and dropped down on one knee in the light of the setting sun over the banks of her Nana's pond and asked Annsley to be his wife. Shortly after this scene, a host of family and friends appeared to celebrate with the honored couple.

Shortly after this day, Annsley and Taylor, with the guidance of Annsley's maternal grandmother, Charlotte Anderson, the designated wedding and reception coordinator, began making plans for their wedding day. As the days passed and a date was set, the pandemic began to take center stage. It loomed over them and shrouded their calendar.

Since the clocks would not stop ticking and the calendars would not stop turning, friends and family members began planning events to celebrate Annsley and Taylor's engagement under the threats of the pandemic. Celebrations were delayed for a few weeks in hopes the corona would disappear, but that did not happen. With careful thought, events were scheduled with precaution as the top priority.

Amid all the anxiety created by the pandemic, Annsley was treated by her bridesmaids with a "Final Flamingle" at Panama City Beach, Florida. Later in the spring, she was honored with a Holiday Shower hosted by her Stinson family. This was followed by a miscellaneous shower in the fellowship hall of Whitewater Baptist Church hosted by her paternal family and friends. Later she was honored by her maternal family and friends with a miscellaneous shower in the fellowship hall of Newbia Baptist Church. The Renfroe Family hosted a couple's garden and tools shower in Troy, Alabama, in an outdoor setting.

Following these celebrations, the time came for the couple's final day of being single adults. It was wedding rehearsal time. Under the direction of Annsley's paternal grandmother, the rehearsal happened. Her grandmother's beginning words included verses from the Bible concerning marriage. After her words of encouraging the couple to put Christ first in their marriage, she presented to them the Bible given to her by Annsley's Papa Jack as a wedding gift over fifty years ago.

Following the rehearsal, Taylor's parents and several of his family members hosted a rehearsal dinner at Pine View Farms.

The following day, the 200th day of 2020, at 6:00 p.m., sunshine prevailed. The wedding party and guests embraced the heat of the evening as an outdoor venue was chosen to enable the guests to practice social distancing. Pine View Farms, in the country near Elba, provided a perfect atmosphere with its slight hillside and green pasture with horses grazing in the background beckoned by the shade of an old oak tree.

Mart Gray, a longtime friend of the bride's family and a former resident of Elba, currently a resident of Locust Fork, Alabama, performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Kyle Padgett of Andalusia, Alabama, and Dana Haley, of Elba, Alabama. She is the granddaughter of Jack and Sylvia Padgett, Ken and Charlotte Anderson, and Danny and Vicky Stinson, all of Elba. She is the great-granddaughter of Nellie Hudson and the late Leroy Hudson, of Elba.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Renfroe, of Troy, Alabama. His grandparents are the late John Alvie and Mary Renfroe.

Guests were escorted from both sides of antique white doors adorned by wreaths of mixed greenery and eucalyptus. A matching wreath was attached to a large white wooden cross standing along the wooden fence outlining the ceremonial setting. White silk rose petals outlined the center aisle.

Miss Mary B. O'Neal, cousin of the bride, presided at the registry table which was an oval white wicker table that had belonged to the bride's great, great grandmother Capps. The table held a floral arrangement of live eucalyptus which the bride's Nana had gathered from her yard and arranged in a large gold vase. The table also held masks for the guests who desired one. They had been designed especially for the occasion. They were beige and monogrammed with a pink "R" for the ladies and a navy blue "R" for the men. Also, two baskets held mementos for the guests: tissue packets labeled "Dry Those Happy Tears" and seed packets for the guests to plant and when the flowers bloomed, they would be reminded of the love of the bride and groom.

Misses Olivia Stinson and Emmie Kate Bullard, cousins of the bride, served as program attendants. They wore matching knee-length white dresses with chiffon skirts, lace bodices, and a satin sash at the waistline and tied into a bow in the back. The registry attendant wore the same style dress. The attendants gave each guest a two-sided fan on which the order of the ceremony was printed on the front side and the names of the wedding party appeared on the back.

The bride's mother chose for the wedding a full-length beige gown with a knee-length slit and bouffant brocade sleeves. She carried a single ivory rose bud with silver dollar eucalyptus. The bride's stepmom wore a knee-length, slim-fitted pink dress with short sleeves detailed with a flowing ruffle. She wore a corsage of a single ivory rose bud. The groom's mother chose a navy chemise style knee-length, sleeveless dress. She also carried a single rose bud with silver dollar eucalyptus.

A program of wedding music was provided by Joseph Freeman of DJ Love from Enterprise, Alabama. The parents and grandparents were ushered in as the DJ played "A Thousand



Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Renfroe

Years." The bridal party entered as "Yours" was played.

Mrs. Gracen Mobley of New Brockton, Alabama, a high school friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Anna Hughes, Glenwood, Alabama, a lifetime friend of the bride; Jodie Matney, Pike Road, Alabama, sister of the groom; Kayley McCollough, Elba, Alabama, cousin of the bride; Madison Griffin, Andalusia, Alabama, a college friend; Lauren Haley, Elba, Alabama, stepsister of the bride; and Adalyn O'Neal, Elba, Alabama, cousin of the bride.

The bridesmaids wore full length, pale blush chiffon dresses. The bodices of their dresses varied in style. They also had matching floral masks bearing their monogram, a gift from the bride. They carried hand-tied bouquets of mixed peonies, Persian buttercup camellias and hydrangeas with silver dollar eucalyptus.

Serving the groom as best man was his father John Renfroe, Troy, Alabama. Groomsmen were Gunnar McCollough, Elba, Alabama, cousin of the bride; Troy Ward, Banks, Alabama, friend of the groom; Cade Mobley, New Brockton, Alabama, friend of the groom; Jacob Ketchum, Abbeville, Alabama, friend of the groom; Brian Lasiter, Kinston, Alabama, friend of the groom; and Avery Padgett, Elba, Alabama, brother of the bride.

The groomsmen wore Ike Behar Indigo Blue Lane tuxedos. They featured a satin-edged peak lapel and satin double besom pockets. The groomsmen completed their attire with a blush bow tie, white shirt, and brown shoes. The groom wore matching tux with a blush Windsor tie and vest. A gold fish hook attached boutonniere of ivory rose buds to their lapels, and they added matching blue monogrammed masks.

Ring bearers were Hudson and Brooks Matney, nephews of the groom. Signage was carried by Jack Padgett, brother of the bride. They wore navy blue knee length pants, white shirts, navy bow ties and suspenders and no shoes.

Drake Padgett, brother of the bride, served as bell ringer to signal the entrance of the bride. He used the same bell that had been used in the weddings of Dustin Stinson and Drew Parker, uncles of the bride. He wore pants matching the

pledge to each other, Mart Gray closed the wedding ceremony with an a cappella rendition of "The Lord's Prayer." Afterwards he presented the couple to the wedding guests as Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Renfroe. The newly wed couple exited as the DJ played "Oh Happy Day."

Following the wedding ceremony, the guests were invited to a reception hosted by several family members and friends including Sandra Prior, Rene Lambert, Cathy Nelson, Shelia Brown, Donna Bowden, Carolyn Hudson, and Kayla Pope. The buffet servers wore black matching aprons with their initial emblazoned in gold on the front. Kristen Stinson, Anna Anderson, and Ashton Parker presided at the beverage table and served tea and lemonade, and Sasha O'Neal ladled the punch. The ladies serving the beverages are aunts of the bride.

The sumptuous buffet included southern fried chicken, baked chicken, pit ham, green beans, cheesy potato casserole, corn on the cob, macaroni and cheese, slaw, pasta salad, potato salad, and rolls.

Uniquely situated in the center of the food room was a round table holding a replica of a palm tree that had been created by craftily joining fresh pineapples to form the trunk. Sago Palm fronds jutted out on top. Scattered on the table underneath the palms was an abundant assortment of cheese bites and fresh fruit.

The bride's table was covered with a rosette ivory Lamour Satin cloth. She chose to eschew from one tall traditional cake, but instead she had three round gold cake stands with one cake on one, two cakes on another, and three cakes another. A gold figurine of two hearts entwined and the bride's bouquet completed the bride's table décor. Callie Parrish presided at the bride's table.

Behind the bride's table stood a body form draped with her mother's wedding dress and veil. Adjacent to it, Annsley's bridal portrait framed in a massive gold frame rested on a polished brass easel. On the other side of the bride's table three tall brass candelabras with burning white pillar candles stood on the floor.

The groom's table, situated across the room, was decorated to depict his favorite sport: fishing. Fish net was bunched on top of a white cloth and on top of the net rested a two-tier square chocolate cake garnished with chocolate dipped strawberries. Taylor's first reel and rod along with a rustic lantern, an arrangement of cattails and reeds nestled in a tin container, a variety of colorful fishing tackle, and a mounted bass completed the decorations. The base of the table

was banked with ferns, a minnow basket and a boat paddle. Carrie and Ashley Carroll served the groom's cake.

Allowing for social distancing, guest tables were provided inside and outside the venue. White floor-length table covers were draped over the tables, and large gold lanterns with burning ivory pillar candles stood in the center of the tables. Persian buttercups with mixed greenery surrounded the lanterns. Miniature bottles of hand sanitizer bearing a gold R completed the table decorations.

Following an evening of dance and fellowship under strands of café lights, the couple departed under an arch of flaming sparklers created by a host of friends.

The pandemic raised its ugly head once again and robbed the couple of their dream vacation to Jamaica, but Annsley's Aunt Barbara Jones came to the rescue and afforded the newly wed couple a short stay at their favorite getaway, Panama City Beach. After a few days' stay at the beach, they headed to Lake Guntersville to cheer on Annsley's brother, Avery Padgett, as he competed in the Alabama BASS Nation High School Championship tournament.

As this couple's future unfolds and they look back on their journey through their wedding festivities, hopefully, they will not remember the ugliness that was out there, but the good, the kind, the giving, and the caring that surrounded them on this journey.

Currently the couple resides in the Hudson Mill Community, of Elba. Annsley is continuing her college studies at Troy University and is scheduled to graduate later this year with a degree in early childhood education. Taylor is continuing his work as a forestry consultant in Barbour County.

Evergreen Cemetery Board to hold meeting

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will hold a meeting Thursday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall.

Locals receive degree from UA

The University of Alabama awarded some 2,257 degrees during its Dec. 12, 2020 fall commencement.

Gavin Capehart of New Brockton received a Bachelor of Science in human environmental sciences, and Alison Glass of Kinston received a Bachelor of Science in education.

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COVID-19 vaccination eligibility expanded in Alabama to include persons age 65-74 and others

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) announced that starting Monday, Feb. 8, ADPH will extend eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations to include people 65 or older, and additional groups of frontline workers. The Vaccine Allocation Plan is available at www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf.

Frontline critical workers listed in the plan are as follows: First responders, Corrections officers, Food and agriculture workers, U.S. Postal Service workers, Manufacturing workers, Grocery store workers, Public transit workers, People who

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The additional priority groups will add over 1 million people that are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination in Alabama. While just under 2 million people will qualify to receive the vaccine, the state continues to only receive around 100,000 doses each week.

"We have all been frustrated that the supply of vaccine coming from the federal government hasn't kept up with the demand," Governor Ivey said. "To be blunt, we simply haven't gotten the vaccine that we've been promised, and this has created a major backlog of aggravation. Today's announcement will ensure that as more vaccine is released, we will have a plan in place to get the vaccine in people's arms more quickly."

Covered in this expanded group are people at high risk for work-related exposure and persons in identified age groups at risk for COVID-19 associated morbidity and mortality. These include people working or living in congregate settings including but not limited to homeless shelters and group homes.

"Alabama is expanding its guidance despite the limited vaccine in order to accelerate the vaccine uptake in our state," Dr. Scott Harris said.

As a courtesy to others, healthier people age 65 and older and workers who fall in these groups are encouraged to consider delaying their vaccination so that more vulnerable people can access the vaccine ahead of them.

To schedule an appointment for the free COVID-19 vaccination at a county health department, individuals may call the ADPH COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduling Hotline at 1-855-566-5333. For general information about COVID-19, the COVID-19 Information Hotline number is 1-800-270-7268. The vaccine providers can be found within the Alabama COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Dashboard at arcg.is/OrCey.

ADPH anticipates the release of a new online tool next week which will provide information about opportunities for vaccination, including drive-through clinics being scheduled throughout the state.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson may be in just the fourth grade, but he proved last week that he knew more about this so called 'new math' than his 'ole granddaddy. He got me to check his math homework in his notebook one afternoon, and was upset when I told him he missed four questions. I explained how I came up with my answers, but he insisted he did it the way the teacher said, and didn't really show much confidence in my math skills. The next day when I was taking him home I asked him about the homework, and he smiled and said the teacher told him he did it just right. I still don't agree, but for once I guess it was good he didn't listen to me.

For what it is worth....

*** *The high school basketball season will tip off* post-season play next week with area tournaments, with the Elba Lady Tigers hosting an opening round game against Ariton. In years past the four-team tournament would have been held at G.W. Long, since the Lady Rebels won the regular season area crown. However, to avoid bringing all four teams to one gym, the AHSAA made the decision to spilt the opening round games at the homes of the top two seeds, and since the Lady Tigers were the #2 seed, they earned the right to host an opening round contest. The Tigers' varsity boys will have to travel, but have proven they can compete with any team in the area, and will not have to put up with hostile crowds since the AHSAA is limiting the capacity at the gyms. If Elba plays at Ariton, a maximum of 156 fans will be in the bleachers, while if it plays at G.W. Long, only 80 people will be allowed in the bleachers. That certainly won't hurt the Tigers chances at pulling off an upset.

*** *The post-season is always an exciting time* for the players, but unless I miss my guess the excitement won't last long for many of the teams in the area. Brantley should advance on the boys' side, while over with the girls it doesn't look quite as sure a thing as weeks ago. Kinston's boys appear to have a pretty good shot at moving on, but the girls have been in a tailspin for weeks and it would be a major surprise if the Lady Bulldogs emerge. As for New Brockton and Zion Chapel, it looks like it is almost time to start a new sport. I guess with all that has happened this season there are no real losers, just a whole bunch of survivors.

*** *It is never too early to talk about college football* when you live in Alabama, and the talk last week in the state centered around the release of next season's football schedules for Alabama and Auburn. The Crimson Tide has an opener against Miami, in Atlanta, which should be interesting, while it has home conference games against Ole Miss, Tennessee, LSU and Arkansas. Its road games are a little tougher since it must travel to play Florida, Texas A & M, Mississippi State and Auburn, but with home games against such powers as Mercer, Southern Miss and New Mexico State thrown in, the overall schedule doesn't really look like a killer. Over at Auburn, the Tigers do have a week #3 road trip to Penn State that will be worth watching, and also has home SEC games against Georgia, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Alabama. That should interest season ticket holders, despite three sure wins at home over such football powers as Akron, Alabama State and Georgia State. The Tigers road games are against LSU, Arkansas, Texas A & M and South Carolina. So, the schedule looks favorable for the new Auburn coaching staff to get off to a solid start.

*** *In closing....* The Elba Tigers lost one of their biggest fans and the City of Elba lost one of its most recognizable citizens last week with the passing of Ben Carpenter. Ben was a familiar face at all games played by the Tigers, especially back when "Brax" was on the field, and was a friend to hundreds of people all across Elba and the area. He will be missed.

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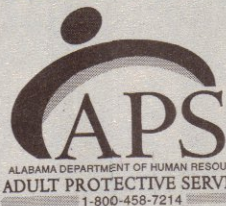
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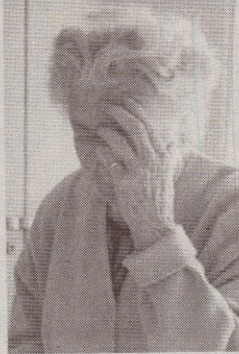
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Earn #2 seed in area

Lady Tigers scratch past Ariton 46-29

The Elba Lady Tigers locked down the number two seed in the upcoming area tournament last Monday night with a 46-29 home court win over the Ariton Lady Cats.

The opening quarter was a long distance shootout as the Lady Tigers and Lady Cats combined for seven 3-pointers and were tied at 15-15 heading into quarter number two. Breanna Sanders drained two 3-pointers for the Lady Tigers, while Nina Williams and Jaylyn Baker both added one basket from behind the arc as Elba kept pace early.

A steal and lay-up by Kendra Juarez and a put back by Nina Williams gave the Lady Tigers a 19-15 lead early in the second quarter, and Elba closed the half with a 5-0 run as the Lady Tigers carried a 24-17 lead in at intermission.

Tajah Purvis sparked an early 6-1 run in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers extended their lead to 30-18, while Jaylyn Baker and Nina Williams sparked an early 11-2 run in the fourth quarter that put Elba on top 41-24. The Lady Tigers never eased up on either end of the court and at the final horn celebrated the big 46-29 area win.

Nina Williams scored 17 points and Jaylyn Baker added 15 points, 9 rebounds and 6 steals to lead Elba, while Zhee Oliver led Ariton with 17 points.

Elba (46): Baker 15, Williams 17, Sanders 8, Purvis 3, Juarez 3.

Ariton (29): Kilcrease 3, Johnson 3, Willoughby 3, Oliver 17.

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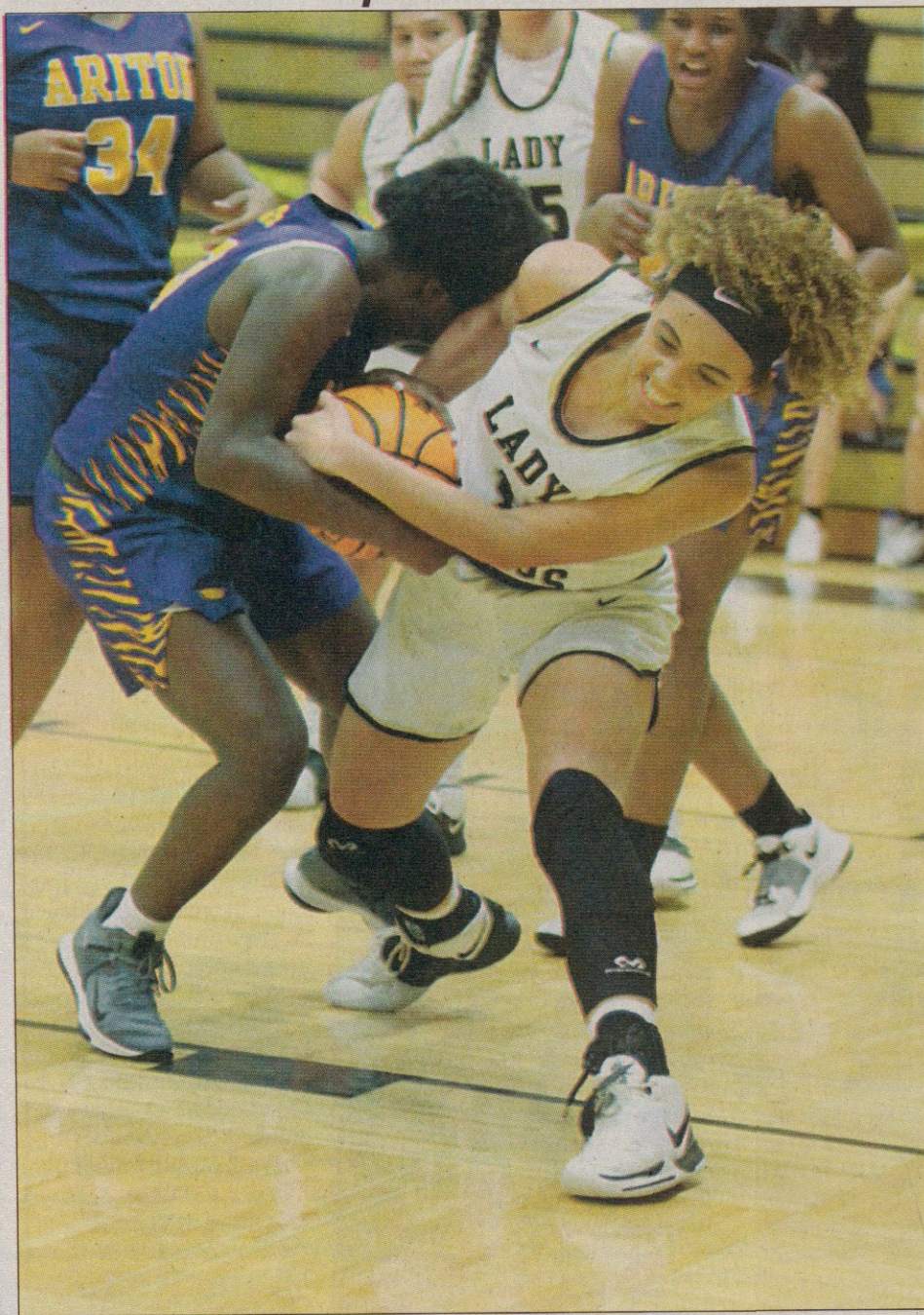
The Elba Lady Tigers will host an opening round game in the Class 2A, Area 3 Basketball Tournament on Monday, Feb. 8, at 6:00 pm, at the Elba High gym.

The Lady Tigers, the regular season area runners-up, will host the Ariton Lady Cats, the regular season's #3 finisher. The winner of the opening round game in Elba will meet the winner of the G.W. Long-Zion Chapel game for the area tourney championship on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the home of the higher seeded team, with both teams advancing to sub-region play on Monday, Feb. 15.

All tickets must be purchased on line at the 'GoFan' website. No tickets will be sold at the gym the day of the game, and per AHSAA guidelines, only 260 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$6 per ticket, plus a small processing fee. Once a fan opens the website, they should follow the instructions. The purchase should be made on a cell phone to allow tournament officials the ability to verify the purchase. Online ticket sales will open at 4:00 pm the day prior to the game.

Anyone needing assistance may contact Elba High School at 897-2266.

Online tickets only also applies for the boys area tourney games.



Elba Lady Tiger Jaylyn Baker (in white) battles for a loose ball with an Ariton Lady Cat in last week's key area win. The Lady Tigers will host Ariton on Monday night, Feb. 8, in the opening round of the Class 2A, Area 3 basketball tourney.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

Elba Lady Tigers fall to Andalusia 40-23

The Elba Lady Tigers got off to a slow start and never recovered last Tuesday night in a 40-23 loss to the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs.

Nina Williams scored four first quarter points to keep Elba close, but the Lady Tigers hit only one of six free throw opportunities in the stanza as Andalusia crept out to an 8-5 lead. Williams added five points in the second quarter. However, the Lady Tigers had problems against the Lady Bulldogs aggressive defense and at the half trailed 19-12.

Breanna Sanders scored five quick points in the third quarter to pull Elba within 19-17, but Andalusia refused to give up its lead and upped its advantage to 24-17 late in the stanza after a 3-pointer. The Lady Bulldogs extended their lead to 28-17 early in the fourth quarter and the Lady Tigers never got any closer than nine points the rest of the way as Andalusia closed the game with an 8-1 run to defeat the Lady Tigers 40-23.

Nina Williams scored 12 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead Elba, while Breanna Sanders added 8 points and pulled down 8 rebounds. Eryanna Sheridan led Andalusia with 10 points.

Andy (40): Nelson 2, Lowery 6, Anderson 8, Sheridan 10, Robertson 2, Gay 4, Merrill 2, Crittenden 4.

Elba (23): Baker 3, Williams 12, Sanders 8.

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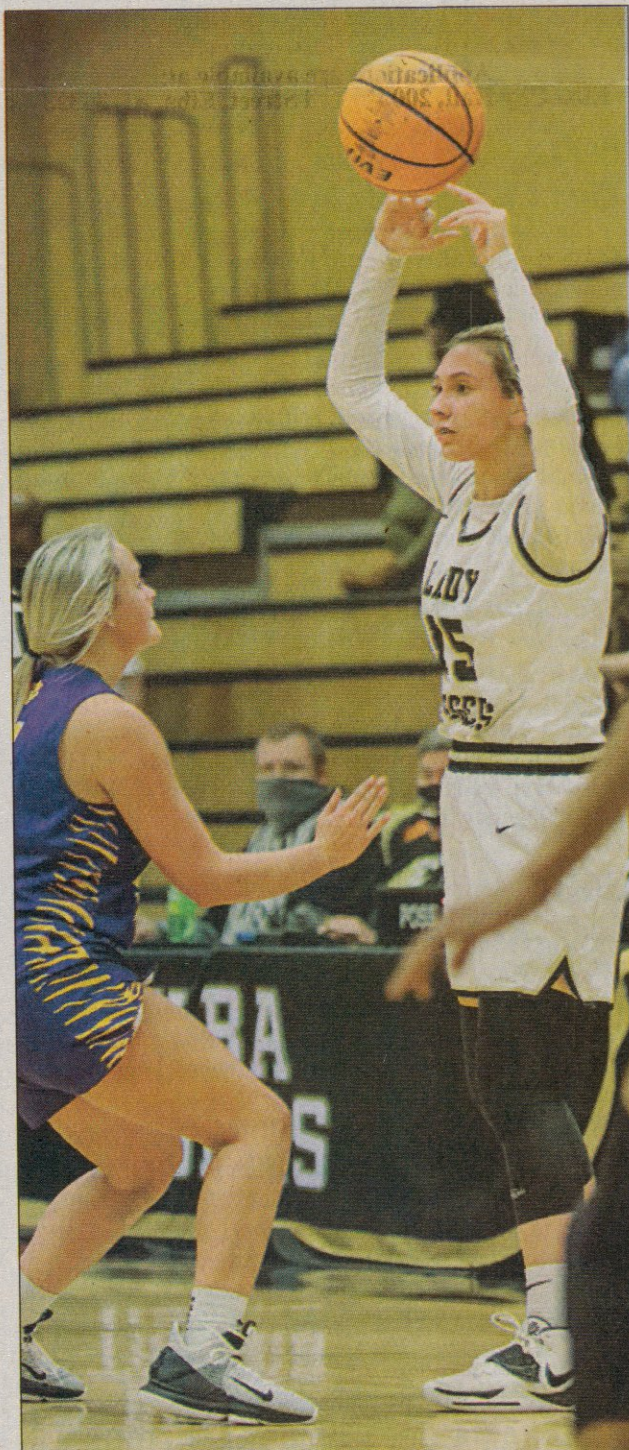
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TAKE IT IF YOU CAN.... Elba Lady Tiger Breanna Sanders (in white) holds the basketball high as she looks for an open teammate.

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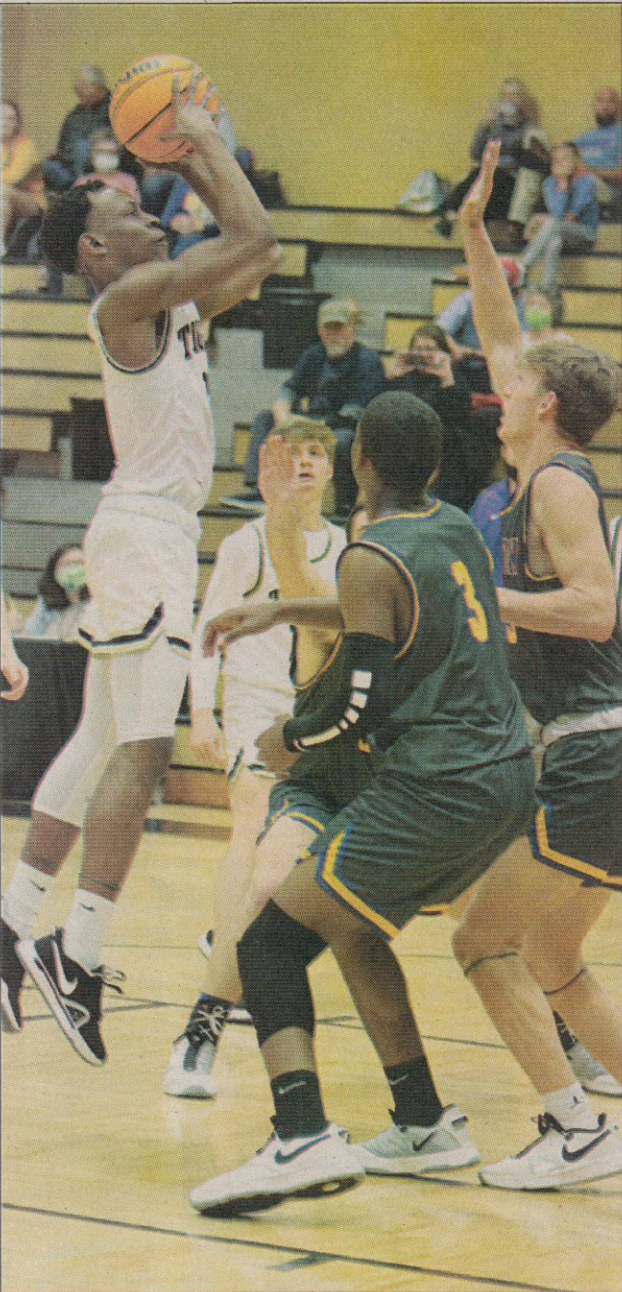
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SPORTS NEWS

In area finale

Tigers tamed by Ariton 53-31

The Elba Tigers wrapped up regular season area action last Monday night with a disappointing 53-31 home loss to the Ariton Purple Cats.



Elba Tiger Kimdarius Hill (in white) goes up for a shot in last week's area clash against Ariton. The Tigers will tip off area tournament play next week on the road.

(Photo by Roberta Gideon)

High School

Basketball Briefs

BOYS:

Zion Chapel falls to G.W. Long 68-48

The Zion Chapel Rebels closed area play with a 68-48 loss to G.W. Long. Connor Kelley scored 18 points to lead the Rebels, while Avery Roberts scored 16 points to lead G.W. Long, and Kobie Stringer and Hunter Whitehead both added 15 points.

Gamecocks tripped up by Ariton 58-29

The New Brockton Gamecocks couldn't keep up in a 58-29 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Dillon Kelty scored 13 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Hayes Floyd led the Purple Cats with 13 points.

Brockton rallies past Samson 51-44

The New Brockton Gamecocks used a fourth quarter rally to scratch past the Samson Tigers 51-44, in Samson. The Gamecocks outscored the Tigers 17-10 in the final stanza, with 10 points coming at the free throw line. Dillon Kelty scored 23 points and Matthew Smith added 21 to lead the Gamecocks, while Braxton Brooks led the Tigers with 19 points.

GIRLS:

Lady Rebels ripped by G.W. Long 57-17

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were simply outmatched in a 57-17 loss to G.W. Long. Makenna Long scored 16 points and Ally Whitehead added 13 to lead G.W. Long.

Lady Gamecocks clawed by Ariton 46-7

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks never had a chance in a 46-7 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Zhee Oliver scored 19 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and had 5 steals to lead the Lady Cats, while Lexie Willoughby added 10 points and 5 rebounds.

Elba scored only one point in the opening five minutes of the opening quarter and found itself trailing 13-1 with 3:08 remaining in the stanza. Jordan Marek hit the first basket of the game for the Tigers to pull within 13-3, but the Purple Cats never lost command and carried a big 18-5 lead into the second quarter.

A short jumper by Kindarius Hill and a 3-pointer by Byron Burks helped the Tigers close the gap to 18-10 early in the second quarter. However, Ariton responded with a 7-0 run to push its lead to 25-10, and despite a last-second 3-pointer by Sebastian Thomas, the Tigers weren't able to cut into the lead and at the half trailed 30-15.

The Purple Cats outscored Elba 17-6 in the third quarter to extend their lead to 47-21, and while the Tigers battled until the final horn, they never threatened as they dropped the 53-31 area contest.

Sebastian Thomas scored 7 points to lead Elba, while Ian Senn scored 17 points to lead Ariton and Hayes Floyd added 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Ariton (53): Senn 17, Johnson 9, Danzy 7, Floyd 13, Oliver 2, Tyler 5.

Elba (31): Hill 2, Burks 3, Harrison 5, Thomas 7, Coleman 3, Henderson 2, Marek 5, Caldwell 4.

Coffee County Lake has reopened to the public

The Coffee County Lake reopened on Wednesday, Feb.3, after being closed for the past two months to allow the Alabama Conservation Department to make repairs to various structures, and restock the 83-acre lake with catfish and bream.

The lake will be open to the public on Wednesday through Sunday, from sun-up until sundown. A state fishing license is required for all anglers ages 12-64, and a daily \$3 fishing permit is also required for all anglers. A boat launch fee of \$3 is required for

fishermen of all ages, and boats are available for rent for \$5 per day.

A stocked bait shop is open at the lake and sells permits, as well as live bait and concessions. Bait for sale includes worms, crickets and minnows, and the bait shop also sells bream busters and pre-rigged cane poles. Everyone is required to stop at the bait shop if they want to fish, and return to the bait shop upon completion of the day's activities to weigh all fish caught.

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Coach Janie Wiggins to lead new LBW volleyball program

LBW Community College announced last week the hiring of Janie Wiggins as the new women's volleyball coach. Wiggins is a seasoned coach with over 25 years developing and motivating student-athletes.

Wiggins comes to LBW after serving as Head Volleyball Coach at Enterprise High School. She received her bachelor's degree in Physical Education in 1995 and a Master of Science in Physical Education in 1996 from Troy University.

"Coach Wiggins is and has always been garnered as one of the best volleyball coaches in the state," said LBW President, Dr. Brock Kelley.

"Her career has been nothing but spectacular, and her knowledge will be an asset to LBW and our student athletes. We are excited to welcome her to the Saints family."

Wiggins is credited with starting the first volleyball program at Enterprise State Community College in 1995 after completing a Division I volleyball career at Troy University. She also worked as the assistant executive director at the Deep South Volleyball Club, and she served as the head volleyball and softball coach at Kinston High School.

"Her experience with coaching and developing programs will be extremely



Coach Janie Wiggins

valuable to our Athletic Department," said Athletic Director, Steve Helms.

LBW Community College's new women's volleyball program, announced earlier this month, is one of 10 volleyball programs in the Alabama Community College Conference. The program is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2021.

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Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (23) looks for room to drive to the basket in last week's home court loss to Andalusia.

(Photo by Reobeta Gideon)

Elba falls at home to Bulldogs 59-38

The Elba Tigers held their own for one quarter last Tuesday night in a 59-38 home court loss to the Andalusia Bulldogs.

Elba came out ready to play against its 5A foes and behind the play of Chrystyle Caldwell used a 4-0 run midway through the first quarter to grab a 6-5 lead. JT Coleman added a pair of free throws with 1:05 remaining in the stanza as the Tigers pulled even at 8-8 heading into the second stanza. However,

the Bulldogs opened the second stanza with an 8-0 run to take a 16-8 lead and took their biggest lead of the half at 29-14 in the final minute of the quarter.

Elba cut the lead to 31-20 early in the third quarter on a basket by John Martin Wilson and stayed within 11 points until late in the stanza, when Andalusia went on a 6-0 run to open up a 41-24 advantage. The Tigers got within 41-27 early in the fourth quarter on a long 3-pointer by Collin Harrison, but Elba hit only four of ten free throw opportunities in

the final stanza and could only watch as the Bulldogs never slowed down to run away with the 59-38 win.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 18 points and Collin Harrison added 12 to lead Elba, while Bryan McCorvey led Andalusia with 15 points and Mike Hourel and Tyler Sigers both added 13.

Andy (59): Hourel 13, Davison 2, Latimer 8, Ty. Sigers 13, Te. Sigers 2, Brundidge 4, McCorvey 15, Dorsey 2.

Elba (38): Harrison 12, Coleman 2, Henderson 2, Wilson 4, Caldwell 18.



Elba Tiger cheerleader ZalieMcKelvy was all smiles last week as the Tigers and Lady Tigers had a busy week on the basketball court. McKelvy will get their chance to cheer this week as the teams hit the court twice to close out regular season play.

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Thursday, Feb. 11 Elba vs. New Brockton. 6 p.m. at Elba High gym	Saturday, Feb. 6 Elba vs. Skipperville 11 a.m. (there)
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